

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-8, 11 and 13 currently remain in the application. Claims 2, 9, 10 and 12 have been canceled and claims 1, 3 and 11 are herein amended.

Claims 1-13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 102 as being anticipated by Endo. In view of this cited reference and the Examiner's reasons for rejection, independent claims 1 and 11 have been amended by respectively incorporating the limitations of claims 2 and 12, claims 9 and 10 have been canceled and claim 3 has been made to depend from amended claim 1.

Rejection of a claim under 35 U.S.C. 102 is justified only when each of the inventive elements in that claim is disclosed in one reference. Endo does not disclose every inventive element in amended independent claims 1 and 11, and hence it is believed that the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-13 as originally submitted has been obviated.

Explained more in detail, it is not believed that Endo discloses a measuring part that measures an operating time of a system associated with the inverter. The Examiner points to numeral 4 of Endo, but numeral Endo of Endo indicates a power supply/sensor unit provided with the likes of a current sensor 42, a voltage sensor 44 and a temperature sensor 45. There does not seem to be any hint at the measurement of an operating time.

As for the rejection of claims 9-13, the Examiner pointed to Endo's Fig. 2 as disclosing current tracing and status data tracing parts but Endo's control unit 623 is not described as carrying out transmission or storage operations in the manner limited in detail in amended claim 11 herein.

The Examiner's comment in page 3 of the Official Letter has been noted but applicant is of the opinion that the claims as present in the current forms are already in

condition for allowance and requests that the Examiner consider the application in these forms at this moment.

Formal drawings as requested and copies of priority documents accompany this Amendment. In summary, it is believed that the present Amendment is totally responsive to the Office Action and hence that the application is now in condition for allowance.

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